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Postharvest heat treatment (HT) applied to whole fruits has been used mainly to eliminate superficial microorganisms and to ensure their quality during storage. The fruit exposure temperature and time must be precisely tested in order to prevent damage. Heat can be combined with other technologies, e.g. ultrasounds, in order to reduce its intensity and consequently negative effect. Thermosonication (TUS) has some advantages compared with HT, such as fruits quality improvement in terms of taste, texture and appearance. The aim of this work was to evaluate the effect of hot water (HW, 50°C at 2min) and TUS (50°C at 2min, 80% power level and 45kHz) treatments, and compare it with untreated tomatoes (Control), on physical-chemical and nutritional properties, such as colour CIE Lab (a^* and hue ($^{\circ}h$)), texture (maximum force, N), total phenolics content (TPC, mGAE.100g⁻¹) and antioxidant activity (AO, μ mol.TEAC.100g⁻¹) of whole tomatoes stored at 10°C and 85% RH during 21 days. Immediately after HW and TUS treatments, no significant ($p>0.05$) differences were denoted in all attributes, for all samples. Storage time significantly ($p<0.05$) affects tomatoes physical-chemical properties and nutritional contents. In the first 6 days of storage, a delay in red colour development in both treated tomatoes, were observed, compared with Control samples. However, after the 21th day, an increase on a^* values on HW tomatoes were obtained, indicating a faster maturation. After treatment, the firmness reduces 11% and 3% for HW and TUS samples, respectively. During storage, increases up to 46% and 170% in TPC and AO, were observed in HW and TUS samples, respectively. Physical-chemical and nutritional changes during tomato ripening process are inevitable. However, the delay of these alterations can be achieved through postharvest treatment, such as HW and TUS. Although promising results have been obtained, further studies are required.

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